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Applicant(s) : Akio ITO  
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Title : STREAK REMOVING IMAGE READING METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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Examiner : Heather D. GIBBS

Docket No. : 1232-4799  
Customer No. : 27123

**SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.114**

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Sir:

This Submission Pursuant To 37 CFR §1.114 is responsive to the Final Office

Action issued on January 3, 2006. Applicant concurrently files herewith a Request for

Continued Examination ("RCE") (37 C.F.R. §1.114).

Continued examination is respectfully requested in view of the following.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of.

Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.